

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**Claims pending**

- At time of the Action: Claims 1-8, 10-13, 15-17, and 19.
- After this Response: Claims 1, 4, 6-8, 10-13, 16-17, 19, and 21-29.

Canceled or Withdrawn claims: 2, 3, 5, and 15.

Amended claims: 1, 4, 6, 11, 12, 13, and 14.

New claims: 21-29.

Please amend the claims as indicated below:

1. **(Currently amended)** A device, comprising:

an elongate member having a first end portion and a second end portion adjacent to the first end portion, wherein the second end portion is adapted to removably engage a raceway member, the elongate member defining an axial passageway for receiving a cable ~~therethrough~~ therethrough, wherein the axial passageway has a pre-determined cross-sectional geometry in a plane perpendicular to the axial passageway, ~~and~~ wherein the axial passageway has a coating of a dry film lubricant, wherein the cross-sectional geometry of the axial passageway is circular, wherein the second end portion comprises a first threaded portion and the raceway member comprises a second threaded portion, and wherein the second end portion may threadingly engage the second threaded portion of the raceway member.

2. **(Canceled).**

3. (Canceled).

4. (Currently amended) The device of claim 2 1, wherein the second end portion further comprises a tapered portion for frictionally engaging the raceway member.

5. (Canceled).

6. (Currently Amended) ~~The device of claim 5;~~ A device, comprising:
an elongate member having a first end portion and a second end portion adjacent to the
first end portion, wherein the second end portion is adapted to removably engage a raceway
member, the elongate member defining an axial passageway for receiving a cable therethrough,
wherein the axial passageway has a pre-determined cross-sectional geometry in a plane
perpendicular to the axial passageway, wherein the axial passageway has a coating of a dry film
lubricant, wherein the cross-sectional geometry of the axial passageway is polygonal, wherein
the second end portion comprises a tapered portion for frictionally engaging the raceway
member.

7. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein the elongated member is fabricated
from a plastic.

8. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein the elongated member is fabricated
from a metal.

9. (Canceled).

10. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein the elongated member further defines an axial slot wherein the cable may be received into the axial passageway by aligning the cable with the axial slot and inserting the cable therethrough.

11. (Currently amended) A device, comprising:

an elongate member defining an axial passageway for receiving a cable therethrough, wherein the axial passageway has a pre-determined cross-sectional geometry in a plane perpendicular to the axial passageway and wherein the axial passageway has a coating of a dry film lubricant, the elongate member having a first end portion and a second end portion adjacent to the first end portion, wherein the second end portion is adapted to removeably engage a raceway member, and wherein the cross-sectional geometry of the axial passageway through the first end portion increases non-linearly in area in a direction away from the second end portion.

12. (Currently Amended) ~~The device of claim 11,~~ A device, comprising:

an elongate member defining an axial passageway for receiving a cable therethrough, wherein the axial passageway has a pre-determined cross-sectional geometry in a plane perpendicular to the axial passageway and wherein the axial passageway has a coating of a dry film lubricant, the elongate member having a first end portion and a second end portion adjacent to the first end portion, wherein the second end portion is adapted to removeably engage a raceway member, and wherein the cross-sectional geometry of the axial passageway through the first end portion increases non-linearly in area in a direction away from the second end portion.

wherein the second end portion comprises a first threaded portion and the raceway member comprises a second threaded portion thereon whereby the second end portion may threadingly engage the second threaded portion of the raceway member.

13. (Currently Amended) ~~The device of claim 11;~~ A device, comprising:
an elongate member defining an axial passageway for receiving a cable therethrough,
wherein the axial passageway has a pre-determined cross-sectional geometry in a plane
perpendicular to the axial passageway and wherein the axial passageway has a coating of a dry
film lubricant, the elongate member having a first end portion and a second end portion adjacent
to the first end portion, wherein the second end portion is adapted to removeably engage a
raceway member, and wherein the cross-sectional geometry of the axial passageway through the
first end portion increases non-linearly in area in a direction away from the second end portion,
wherein the second end portion comprises a tapered portion for frictionally engaging the raceway
member.

14. (Canceled).

15. (Canceled).

16. (Original) The device of claim 11, wherein the elongate member is fabricated from a plastic.

17. (Original) The device of claim 11, wherein the elongate member is fabricated from a metal.

18. (Canceled).

19. (Original) The device of claim 11, wherein the elongate member further defines an axial slot whereby the cable may be received into the axial passageway by aligning the cable with the axial slot and inserting the cable therethrough.

20. (Canceled).

21. (New) The device of claim 6, wherein the elongated member is fabricated from a plastic.

22. (New) The device of claim 6, wherein the elongated member is fabricated from a metal.

23. (New) The device of claim 6, wherein the elongated member further defines an axial slot wherein the cable may be received into the axial passageway by aligning the cable with the axial slot and inserting the cable therethrough.

24. (New) The device of claim 12, wherein the elongated member is fabricated from a plastic.

25. (New) The device of claim 12, wherein the elongated member is fabricated from a metal.

26. (New) The device of claim 12, wherein the elongated member further defines an axial slot wherein the cable may be received into the axial passageway by aligning the cable with the axial slot and inserting the cable therethrough.

27. (New) The device of claim 13, wherein the elongated member is fabricated from a plastic.

28. (New) The device of claim 13, wherein the elongated member is fabricated from a metal.

29. (New) The device of claim 13, wherein the elongated member further defines an axial slot wherein the cable may be received into the axial passageway by aligning the cable with the axial slot and inserting the cable therethrough.